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SUBJECT: FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIHANOUK'S OVERTHROW:
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1. SUMMARY. THE TENSE MARCH 16-18 PERIOD SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT, WHICH WE ATTRIBUTE MAINLY TO CAUTIOUS GOVERNMENT PREPARATION (REFTEL). THE BAN ON ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT IN PAGODAS WAS NOT RIGIDLY OBSERVED BY EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS TEACHER/STUDENT CRITICS,BUT THEIR INFRACTIONS WERE DISCREET.END SUMMARY.

2. DESPITE A GOVERNMENT BAN ON ALL PRIVATE CEREMONIES EXCEPT THOSE HELD IN PAGODAS, THE SECONDARY STUDENTS AND SECONDARY TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS SPONSORED A CEREMONY AT THE MARCH 18 LYCEE TO COMMEMORATE THOSE KILLED IN THE MARCH 17, 1973 GRENADING OF A STRIKING TEACHERS' MEETING.

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THE CEREMONY, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY AROUND 200 STUDENTS

AND A SMALL NUMBER OF MONKS, WAS FROM ALL ACCOUNTS ESSENTIALLY RELIGIOUS IN NATURE, HOWEVER. THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE MADE NO EFFORT TO INTERFERE (IN FACT GENDARMES WERE NOT IN EVIDENCE AT ANY OF THE USUAL STUDENT/TEACHER GATHERING POINTS) AND THE PARTICIPANTS DISPERSED PEACEFULLY AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM. ARTS STUDENTS REPORTEDLY ALSO HELD A CEREMONY AT THEIR FACULTY BUT THIS HAS ESCAPED NOTICE.

3. THE GKR CANCELLED A PRO-GOVERNMENT "YOUTH NIGHT" PROGRAM, WHICH HAD DRAWN FIRE FROM THE LYCEE DAUN PENH'S STUDENT ASSOCIATION, BUT CARRIED ON WITH THE REST OF ITS PROGRAM TO COMMEMORATE THE MARCH 18, 1970 OUSTER OF SIHANOUK.

A. GKR EVENTS OPENED MARCH 15 AS THE MARSHAL CALLED IN RANKING PARLIAMENTARIANS, FUNCTIONARIES, MILITARY OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE STATE OF THE NATION. HE APPEALED FOR CLOSER CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION, URGED JUST PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS TO TROOPS AND FAMILIES AND ASK BUSINESSMEN TO DEAL FAIRLY. HE ALSO ASKED STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK IF THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO JOIN THE ARMY.

B. FLAGS WERE RAISED AROUND THE CITY MARCH 16 AND ON MARCH 17 INHABITANTS WERE TO COMMEMORATE THE DEAD IN PRIVATE CEREMONIES AT WATS.

C. THE MARCH 18 PROGRAM BEGAN WITH LON NOL'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION (FBIS D180502) AND MOVED TO THE OLYMPIC STADIUM FOR A DAY OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES, OFFERINGS TO MONKS AND THE FINALS OF A WEEK-LONG SERIES OF SPORTS EVENTS, PRESIDED BY PRIME MINISTER BORET WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND 20,000 SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE. A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT SAKYAMUNI STUPA DEDICATED TO MILITARY DEAD ENDED SCHEDULED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.
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